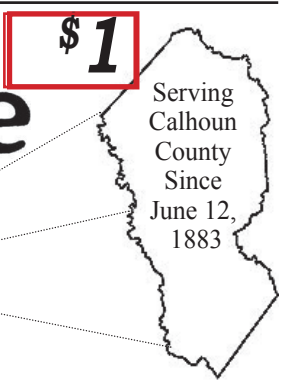


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Latest Office Filings for Calhoun County

The following is a list of candidates who have filed for county positions as of Jan. 22: Family Court Judge Circuit 4: Betty Gregory and Theodore “Ted” Davitian
 Judicial Curcuit 5 Circuit Judge: Anita Harold Ashley and Joshua W. Downey
 County Commission (6 yr term): Kevin Helmick (D) and Eric Lupardus (R); County Commission (unexpired term): Aryeh White (R), Alice Miller Holmes (R), and Jacob McCumbers (D)
 Sheriff: Graham Knight (R)
 Assessor: Jason Nettles (D)
 Prosecuting Attorney: Michael Hicks (R) and Shannon Johnson (D)
 Magistrate Judges: Division 1 - Rick Postalwait and Maria Arnold
 Division 2: Lora Davis
 House of Delegates Delegates District 62: Justin H. Bordas (R) and Roger Hanshaw (R)

If you have an interest in running for office, please knowthat Candidates have until January 27th, 2024 to file for the 2024 Primary Election.

County Commission Candidate Eric Lupardus



Eric is not afraid to represent the people, he has proven more than once to stand up for the citizens on important issues. He understands his number one responsibility is for the safety of the citizens of Calhoun and that is why he will create a County wide board to design an emergency evacuation and shelter in place plan for the entire county. It doesn't stop there, our EMS, fire departments and sheriff's office must have the proper funding and support to save lives. Eric will not stop until he can successfully ensure our county is protected to its fullest.

As a struggling business owner himself in today's economy and having faced the covid pandemic head on and employee shortages he truly understands the pressures small business face locally and that is why he is determined to bring in help to ensure our small businesses keep their doors open and provide jobs and opportunities for the citizens of Calhoun County. “Small business is the lifeline to our success or failure”. He will seek emergency small business funding and microloan opportunities that help from natural disaster relief to employee hiring programs through the state.

“I see the opportunity in our county that others doesn't. We are centrally located between Clarksburg, Weston, Parkersburg, Charleston, I-79, I-77, Rt 50, 33, 16 and Rt 5.” He will commit his term in office to bringing jobs into our area. With his connections and work ethic Calhoun can once again begin to flourish. Eric is the candidate for economic growth. “People are going to tell you that you can't do it and that it won't work here, we have to stop allowing others to dictate our opportunities, we are resilient and can do anything”

For too long Calhoun has been behind the times and Eric has a plan to help move our county forward. “Will we ever become a metropolis? No but we can make living within our means much more comfortable” wouldn't it be nice for our children and their future be right here at home.

Apassionforestablishinginfrastructure county-wide has led him to the state Capitol several times already. During his trips to meet with our states leaders it was discovered that Calhoun has had the opportunity for years to begin water expansion projects but failed to submit the proper paperwork to the state. Eric said “It was disappointing to learn that our local leaders have not even reached out to state officials when funding has been available on different occasions.” This type of leadership is unacceptable to him and his straight forward style. Eric went on to say “Water is our basic necessity, why has this been a political promise for years with no follow-up from those who have campaigned on those promises. Progress is being made and I am glad to be a part of it.” Vote those empty promises out of office come November!



Eric is ready and willing to be your voice and represent this county that he loves so much! When asked why he is running “Our citizens are the greatest this country has to offer and you will never change my mind on that”. He has reached across the isles in hopes to bring unity and equal representation to the citizens of Calhoun County. If you would like to reach out to Eric feel free to contact him through social media, phone 304-545-1967 oe email him at Elupardus@prime-energyllc.com

County Commission Unexpired Term Candidate Alice Miller Holmes



I, Alice Holmes, have officially filed to run for the commissioners unexpired term.

I am a resident of the Center District of Calhoun County. My husband's family has lived in Calhoun County their entire life. I have been a member of Five Forks Community Church for many years. I'm a mother of 3 children and 7 grandchildren.

As the Executive Director/ Founder of the non-profit, Grantsville Conservatory of Music and Fine Arts, (GCMAFA) I work daily with

the community, providing musical training and opportunities for children and adults spotlighting the rich Appalachian cultural available to this area. In addition, traditional Appalachian dance is available. We also continue add programs that will support the community. These experiences have and will continue to improve the quality of life for students and the Calhoun County community while promoting a positive image of West Virginia.

One other business I own is Holmes Venture Corp. I provide mortgage documents and loan closings for many banks and title companies all over West Virginia.

I also own and operate Homes Venture Corp /DBA Alice's Attic Music Store. We sell musical instruments along with food and ice cream and provide a place for our local talent to gather and play music.

Before GCMAFA, My husband and I owned and operated a trucking company for 6 years. I had a CDL license, and could fulfill any position necessary to keep the daily jobs going. If an employee was out I could drive, dispatch or do accounting. Whatever was needed at any given time.

Before shutting down the trucking company I was hired as a superintendent for a large construction company located in Washington DC. I have experience managing several contracted jobs occurring at the same time. With a crew of professionals in a very diverse community. Suppling every job with equipment, operators, trucks, truck drivers and material on a daily basis

I would like to expand on my previous service to the community by taking what I learned from hands on experience to the commissioner's office. I will work diligently to bring water to the folks that have been waiting for years to have something most of us take for granted. Show more support to our law enforcement and first responders. Focusing on tourism and our local parks would be a priority. We have been blessed with beautiful parks in our county and fantastic Dark Skies Star Gazing Parties. All of which will attract tourism.

I'm not a politician, however I am a business woman and that is how I plan to operate if elected as a County Commissioner. I would appreciate your support, Best Regards Alice Miller Holmes For County Commissioner.

Prosecuting Attorney Candidate Shannon Johnson



Former Calhoun Prosecutor Shannon Johnson filed for reelection. She has promised to stick to her personal motto of “service above self” if reelected. Johnson brings over eighteen years of prosecutorial experience to the ballot. She served as Calhoun Prosecuting Attorney from 2013 to 2020.

Since 2021, Johnson has furthered her skills as an Assistant Prosecutor in neighboring Clay County. Of her bid for reelection, Johnson said, “It was a true honor to be elected as Calhoun Prosecutor by my fellow citizens. I have dedicated my whole career to public service. As your prosecutor, I will fight every day to uphold the Constitution and to ensure a safe community for us here in Calhoun. I appreciate everyone's consideration in this election and I hope I can gain your vote.”

Johnson, a 1995 graduate of Calhoun County High School, attended the WVU College of Law. After her graduation in 2002, she served two years as Law Clerk for the Circuit Judge in Elkins, WV.

She has gained over 18 years of experience as a Prosecutor between her time as Calhoun Prosecutor, Clay County Assistant Prosecutor, Randolph County Assistant Prosecutor, and as Special Prosecuting Attorney for the City of Elkins.

Johnson is a certified trainer for the West Virginia Prosecuting Attorney's Institute. She has taught various workshops for them including a week-long training for fellow prosecutors on driving under the influence cases. She serves on the West Virginia Children's Justice Task Force and has also taught several classes around the state on the prosecution of child sexual abuse cases or fellow prosecutors, law enforcement officers, teachers, medical professionals, and social workers. In 2008, Johnson was named the West Virginia Young Lawyer of the Year.

Johnson was born and raised in Calhoun County, the daughter of the late Randall and Sue Jones, of Mt. Zion. She is married to Jeremy Johnson, Principal at Arnoldsburg Elementary School. They live in her childhood home at Mt. Zion.

OBITUARIES

"Grief is not a disorder, a disease or a sign of weakness. It is an emotional, physical and spiritual necessity, the price you pay for love. The only cure for grief is to grieve." - Earl Grollman

The Calhoun Chronicle did not receive any obituaries prior to printing deadline

There is a sacredness in tears. They are not the mark of weakness, but of power. They speak more eloquently than ten thousand tongues. They are the messengers of overwhelming grief, of deep contrition, and of unspeakable love."
- Washington Irving

Lamp Sentenced

By Shari Johnson



Joseph Alan Lamp entered guilty pleas in the Circuit Court of Calhoun County on January 8th, 2024 (trial held in Roane County) and was sentenced on multiple charges.

Lamp's pleas were as follows:

Guilty Plea to ATTEMPT TO COMMIT A FELONY; to-wit: SOLICITATION OF A MINOR VIA COMPUTER, a felony a lesser-include crime of Count One.

Guilty Plea to DISTRIBUTION AND DISPLAY TO MINOR OF OBSCENE MATERIAL, a felony, as charged in Count Six one (1) count of ATTEMPT TO COMMIT A FELONY; to-wit: SOLICITATION OF A MINOR VIA COMPUTER, a felony

SENTENCED the Defendant to a term of not less one (1) nor more than three (3) years in the custody of the West Virginia Division of Corrections one (1) count of DISTRIBUTION AND DISPLAY TO MINOR OF OBSCENE MATERIAL, a felony

SENTENCED the Defendant to a term of five (5) years in the custody of the West Virginia Division of Corrections.

Sentences to be run CONCURRENTLY Register as a sexual offender for the remainder of his life pursuant to W. Va. Code § 15-12-4(a) (2) and further ORDERS that upon release from incarceration, the Defendant shall be subject to fifty (50) years of extended supervised release pursuant to W. Va. Code § 62-12-26

Senior Citizens Menu

Menu for the Senior Citizens Center (2% milk and margarine available daily): (Dining hall is open from 8:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.)

Wed., Jan. 31: lasagna, broccoli, fruit, whole wheat roll.

Thurs., Feb. 1: fish, carrots, macaroni and cheese, whole wheat bun, fruit.

Thurs., Jan. 25: rib sandwich, onions, pasta vegetable salad, potatoes, whole wheat bun, fruit.

Fri., Jan. 26: calico beans, greens, whole wheat cornbread, applesauce.

Mon., Jan. 29: fish, green beans, whole wheat roll, fruit, potatoes.

Tues., Jan. 30: hamburger with mayo, mustard and onion, whole wheat bun, potatoes, fruit.

Monthly income, \$700 or less, \$1.25 per meal; \$701 to \$800, \$1.50; \$801 to \$900, \$1.75; \$901 or above, \$2. Guests under age 60, \$5.25.

You may drive-by and pick-up meals from 11 to 11:30 a.m., Monday-Friday, by calling CCCOA, 304-354-7017, to be placed on a list.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Thurs., Jan. 25: Civil Air Patrol 413 First Baptist Calhoun High Street Grantsville, Food Pantry, Rt. 5, 11 6 p.m.

Empowering Parents Workshop, CMHS, 4:30 p.m.

Grantsville Pickleball Club, NYA Building, 7 p.m.

CMHS Girls Basketball vs. Wirt County, 7:00 p.m.

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CHS Boys Basketball travels to Gilmer County, 7:00 p.m.

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Fri., Feb. 2: Save the Children Parent Child Group meets at Arnoldsburg Elementary, 1:00 p.m.

2nd Annual Bingo for CGCC Health Occupations Students, Arnoldsburg Community Building, Doors open at 5:00 p.m.

CHS Boys Basketball Team vs. Wetzel, 7:00 p.m.

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CHS Boys Basketball vs. Van, 7:00 p.m.

Sat., Jan. 27: Calhoun Basketball Youth League at CMS starting at 9:00 a.m.

Sing, Upper West Fork Park, Dixie Highway, 7:00 p.m.

CMHS Girls Basketball travels to South Harrison, 7:00 p.m.

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To nominate someone for Citizen of the week, please let us know. The Calhoun Chronicle, PO Box 400 Grantsville, WV 26147 or email them to the newspaper at contact@calhouncronicle.com

Thank You,
Melissa West,
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NOTICE OF MEETINGS

Organization: Workforce Development Board
Mid-Ohio Valley /Local Elected Officials
Date: Friday, January 26, 2024
Time: 10:00am
Place: St. Josephs Landing, 1824 Murdoch Ave., Parkersburg WV
Contact Person: Katie Dillon (681) 588-0420
Comments: Agenda available upon request.
Auxiliary aids and services are available upon request to individuals with disabilities

Creston Community Building Meeting Feb. 6th

THE CRESTON COMMUNITY BUILDING WILL HOLD ITS FIRST MEETING OF THE NEW YEAR ON TUESDAY FEB. 6TH 2024 AT 6:30 P.M.

WEATHER PERMITTING. ANYONE WISHING TO JOINT THE BUILDING CAN PAY MEMBERSHIP DUES OF \$1.00 AT THIS TIME UNTIL MARCH 5TH. WE HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE.

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This Week In Calhoun History

The following reports are taken from the Calhoun Chronicle Archives.

1924, 100 YEARS AGO: Local Happenings

Attorney Elliott Chenoweth has returned to his office here after an absence of several days.

Jeff Dye, a first class citizen of Big Springs was here Wednesday attending to business matters.

I. John Fogle, a prominent citizen of Russett, was a business visitor in Grantsville Wednesday.

H.H. Heiney, one of Center district's road supervisors, was here Tuesday attending to matters before the county court.

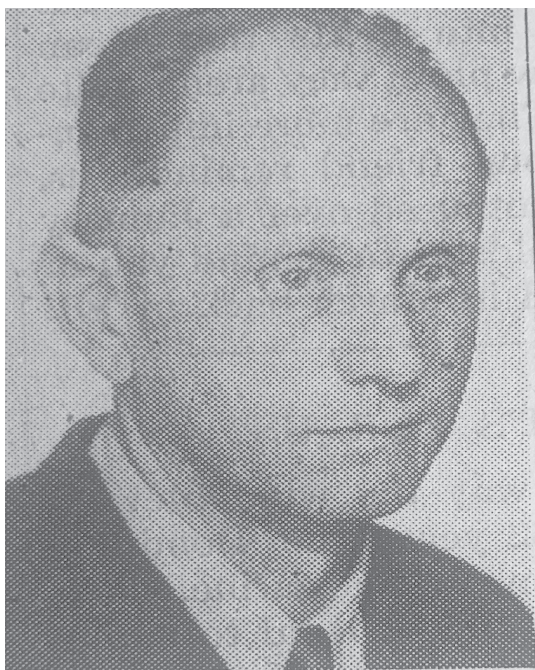
Godfrey L. Cabot, Inc. drilled in a quarter-million foot gas well on the A. J. Mathews farm on Leafbank one day this week.

John Grim an enterprising citizen of White Pine, was here Saturday attending to business interests and greeting friends.

Paris Vancamp, rig builder of White Pine, was, transacting business here Wednesday. Due to increased activities in local fields he is being kept quite busy.

Mrs. Nancy Tetrick, an aged and highly respected member of a prominent Harrison county family died recently at her home near Clarksburg at the age of seventy-three years. She was a sister of Mrs. Della Downs of Arnoldsburg, this county.

Claude Wease, a prominent young farmer of near White Pine was a business visitor in Grantsville Monday. He is quite enthusiastic over the prospect of tending Sherman district for roads and says it would go over with a bank in his section.



BOARD MEMBER . . . Earl S. Rinehart of Milo, new member of the Calhoun County Board of Education. Mr. Rinehart was elected as a member of the board in the November election and assumed duties of that office the first of this month.

Assessor of Washington district has been doing some assessing here this past week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Suttle spent the week end in Parkersburg visiting his sister, Mrs. Dutch Miller.

Mr. and Mrs. Dorse Jarvis was greeting friends and looking after some personal affairs in Grantsville Tuesday.

Campbell Knotts has quit his job driving the West Fork school bus and is driving a Taxi in Charleston. Eddie Knotts is driving the bus.

1974, 50 YEARS AGO: New Conservation Program Offered To Calhoun Farmers

The Calhoun County ASCS Office will be responsible for administering the new 1974 Rural

Environmental Conservation Program. The new program, which replaces and modifies the old REAP, has several new aspects of interest to Calhoun county residents.

According to Robert Ferree, ASCS County Executive Director, the new cost-sharing phase of the program could be extremely beneficial to Calhoun County farmers. It provides for a minimum of 50% and maximum 75% return to the user for all expenses he incurs for while establishing conservation or forestry practices on his land, including labor costs. Also under the 1974 program, an applicant can either elect to apply for a one year program of conservation improvement, or select a 3 to 10 year continuing program. The extended period of time now allowed will be most beneficial to those wishing rather expensive conservation improvements on their land, but preferring to spread them out over period of years.

All applications must be made directly to the ASCS county office. Complete information and details on the specific programs will be available in the very near future.

Ferree also said he has the basis information on the program that has been authorized by Secretary Agriculture for cost-sharing. Fourteen separate practices have been announced, plus two which deal with county projects effective conservation peculiar to a particular county. This year's program placed added emphasis on forestry practices which could offer additional interest to some of our landowners.



These Senior Girl Scouts are practicing for a dance for the Hobo Minstrel. In the front row, left to right are Cheryl Stump, Judy Umstead, Debby Jones and Kim Heiney; back row: Debby Gherke, Barbara Wilson, Toni Himes and Teresa Daniels. Lori Propst is this dancing, and Pam Wilson and Vicki Grass are also in the group but not present at picture taking time.

1949, 75 YEARS AGO: Minnora News:

The fourth revival meeting on the Minnora circuit began last Sunday night at the Prudence Chapel church. J. W. Wayne is choir leader and the Wilkinsons are in charge.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Jarvis have been in the Boling Clinic for the past two weeks. Mr. Jarvis returned to his home Friday and is some better but Mrs. Jarvis was removed to a Charleston hospital where she remains seriously ill.

Ottice Brannon, our local merchant, was greeting friends and looking after business in Spencer Monday morning.

C. L. Stalnaker sold ten head of fine two year old cattle and delivered them in Spencer one day this past week.

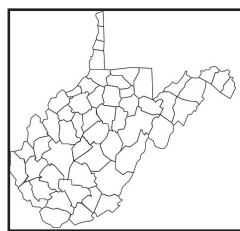
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Charleston WV – The following events happened on these dates in West Virginia history. To read more, go to e-WV: The West Virginia Encyclopedia at www.wvencyclopedia.org. The W.Va. Encyclopedia is a project of the W.Va. Humanities Council, 1310 Kanawha Blvd. E., Charleston, WV 25301; 304-346-8500 or www.wvencyclopedia.org.

Jan. 25, 1814: Francis Harrison Pierpont was born near Morgantown. On June 20, 1861, Pierpont was unanimously elected as governor of the unionist Reorganized State of Virginia, which sat at Wheeling until West Virginia entered the Union two years later.



Jan. 25, 1878: Activist Lenna Lowe Yost was born in Basnettville in Marion County. She held key leadership roles in the woman's suffrage and temperance movements.



Jan. 25, 1889: Anna Johnson Gates was born in Kanawha County. The state's first female state legislator, Gates was elected to the House of Delegates in 1922 and served a single term.



Jan. 26, 1850: Wyoming County was formed by the Virginia General Assembly from part of Logan County.

Jan. 26, 1960: Burnsville High School basketball player Danny Heater scored 135 points in a varsity game against Widen, setting a national record. Heater went on to receive an academic scholarship to attend the University of Richmond.

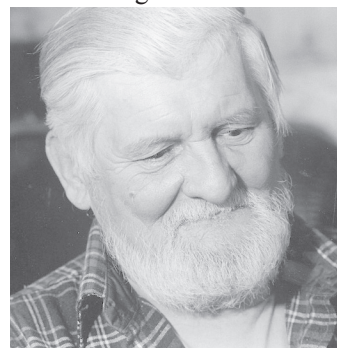


Jan. 27, 1925: Bernard L. Coffindaffer was born in Nicholas County. In the 1980s and 1990s, Coffindaffer erected clusters of crosses along the highways of West Virginia and much of the Southeast.



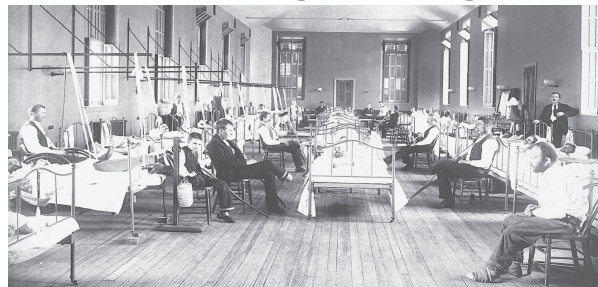
Jan. 27., 1933: Folk artist George Connard Wolfe was born in Standard, Kanawha County.

A self-trained sculptor, he made his own tools from automobile leaf springs and engine valves and worked in stone and wood.



Jan. 27-28, 1998: Flat Top on the Mercer-Raleigh county line received a record snowfall of 35 inches in a 24-hour period.

Jan. 28, 1902: Miners Hospital No. One opened at Welch, with a young Dr. Henry Hatfield as president.



The legislature had passed a law requiring state hospitals for those engaged in dangerous occupations, and eventually three hospitals for miners were built in different sections of the state.

Jan. 28, 1937: In a flood that drove a million Ohio Valley residents from their homes, the Ohio River crested at Huntington at 69.45 feet, more than 19 feet above flood stage. By the time the water receded, five people were dead, and the city was in ruins. Parkersburg, Ravenswood and Point Pleasant also were badly damaged.



Jan. 29, 1903: The great rhododendron was designated the official state flower of West Virginia, after being recommended by the governor and voted on by public school schools.



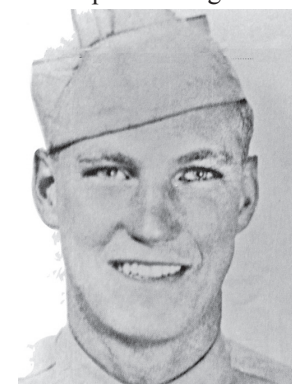
Jan. 30, 1895: Mingo County was created from the southern part of Logan County. Mingo is the youngest county in West Virginia.

Jan. 31, 1878: Educator William Woodson Trent was born in rural Nicholas County. He served as state superintendent of schools from 1933 until 1957.

Jan. 31, 1922: Movie and television actress Joanne Dru was born Joan Letitia Lacoock in Logan. Her movie career included more than 40 films. Her brother, singer and TV host Peter Marshall, is also a West Virginia native.



Jan. 31, 1945: Sergeant Jonah Edward Kelley of Mineral County was killed in action while leading his squad against German positions during World War II. He was awarded the Medal of Honor for his "superb courage."



Jan. 30, 1818: Nicholas County was created by the Virginia legislature from parts of Greenbrier, Kanawha and Randolph counties. The county was named for Wilson Cary Nicholas, a Virginia governor and U.S. senator who lived from 1761 to 1820.

My Home Among the Hills

by Mellody Walburn



Oh, sweet snow days! I know I am 54 years old, but I felt like a little kid on Christmas Eve this week. The eatherman on Channel 13 has been telling me to just be patient. He promised that winter was coming. I wanted to believe; I wanted to get excited, but the last few winters have been so disappointing. I tried to keep my hopes in check to avoid disappointment.

I will admit to faithfully watching every weather forecast. Each and every one of them seemed promising, and I started to let myself hope and believe. In all honesty, I felt sort of guilty about wanting a snow day. After all, we already had Friday and Monday off. Still, when the snow started falling on Monday, I crossed my fingers and hoped.

After I watched the weather forecast, I started checking the state map for delays and cancellations. The hope is to get the call before you go to bed. Otherwise, if you are like me, you wake up on and off all night wondering if it snowed and if you will have to go to work. Thankfully, Calhoun turned red on the map, and I went to bed knowing I could sleep in the next day.

I woke up on Tuesday morning to a white, windy world. I made myself a cup of coffee and some breakfast and curled up on the couch to watch the birds as it snowed. I have a rule that the first snow day is completely guilt free. I read, do crossword puzzles, watch television, and stay in comfy clothes all day. If I had a new puzzle, I might have started that, but sadly I didn't have one. I need to order a few on Amazon so I will be prepared for the future.

The snow soon ended, but the temperature became the real story. We are talking single digits with wind chills in the negatives. You can't put kids out in weather like that waiting for the bus. I couldn't help myself. As soon as I heard my favorite weatherman warn people to stay inside, I started watching the state map again to see if we would delay or close. It took a while, but Calhoun turned red again, and I went to bed knowing I didn't have to set my alarm.

Wednesday was snow day two so I made myself be somewhat productive. My Christmas tree was still happy and healthy, but it was time to let him go. I took the lights off the tree, removed the star from the top, and put these away along with my beautiful new tree skirt. I really loved this tree; I think it is the prettiest one I've ever had. After I took care of that, I made a grocery list and headed out. I stopped by my parents to see if they needed anything and then headed to Foodland. Full disclosure, the weathermen had started throwing around the phrase winter storm watch, and I was preparing.

Because of the cold temperatures, we had a three-hour delay on Thursday. By this point, it was becoming pretty obvious we wouldn't be having school on Friday. The winter storm was now a warning. The big snow I have been waiting for was finally on its way. The snow was predicted to arrive late Thursday night, so after school I checked on the parents again and then went to an historical society meeting. By the time the meeting was over, the governor had declared a state of emergency. The state map began to turn red quickly, and I went to bed knowing I had snow day three.

On Friday, I bought myself a book on my Kindle and then made a to-do list. When that list was complete, I could read to my heart's content. I cleaned my kitchen and bathrooms, did a load of laundry, put away the last of my Christmas decorations, and then put a pot roast in the crockpot. I also spent a great deal of time just watching it snow. It looked like a Hallmark movie outside my picture window. It was mesmerizing!

I read my book late into the night and awoke to find it still snowing on Saturday morning. To say it was a winter wonderland seems an understatement. I had a lazy morning just watching it snow. Then I took some pot roast to my parents and played with Rascal a bit. I just got the call that church is cancelled tomorrow, so it looks like I will have one more lazy day before I have to get back to the real world. I plan to enjoy every minute of it!

Calhoun County Historical Society Holds Monthly Meeting

By Mellody Walburn

The Calhoun County Historical Society held their monthly meeting at the History Center on Thursday, January 18th, at 6:00 pm. The meeting was called to order by President Bob Bonar.

The minutes and treasurer's reports were both read and approved. The society discussed and began to plan events for the new year. First on the list was the decision to take part in the Calhoun County Shop Local Extravaganza on February 10th. The historical society has a number of new items and features it is excited to share with the public.

These will be the focus of our exhibits on the 10th. The museum and hotel will both be open to the public for this event, and items will be for sale as well.

The society also discussed pursuing a grant this year. Ideas were brainstormed and considered.

Members were reminded that dues can now be paid for the 2024 year. The next meeting will take place on Thursday, February 8th at 6:00 pm. The public is welcome to attend as the society is always looking for new members.

1982 Foundation Update

By Crystal Mersh

In a year from now we will be enjoying the amenities of our new community center. Let me be the first to welcome you to Avalon!

Yes, we are branding the campus as Avalon which literally means "isle of apples" and in the tale of King Arthur and the knights of the round table symbolizes vital power and profound change. In order to be able to easily promote the site and its facilities, an overall name that relates to our mission of progressive change seems to be well suited. We want the name to become known across the state and beyond much like Tamarack is.

While we have constantly provided updates and shared the concept of the different aspects, I will summarize here as many people have joined us midways and may not have the full picture of the facility yet.

The campus will consist of 5 main buildings each with specific areas of focus as summarized below.

The "old school"

The 3 floor history and modern design will come together and will consist of 3 two bedroom/two bath apartments, 3 one bedroom/one bath apartments, 2 studio AirBnB units, and the library suite which can be rented for parties, weddings, meeting etc. Off the library suite will be a grand terrace built on top of the restaurant and will provide for outdoor events in a beautiful setting.

The 2nd floor will host our non-profit K-12 private school Koios Academy which will focus on STEAM education in a Christian environment. There will be 7 classrooms and an administrative office.

The 1st floor will house the Entrepreneur Zone which will consist of the community kitchen for canning and any cooperatives that wish to use it. This kitchen will be well equipped with high volume commercial appliances including equipment for processing dairy products. The teaching kitchen will also be on this level and will be a beautiful kitchen that features two chef stations that will be able to host classes and competitions, as well as our spice events.

The Varsity Chop House will also be on the first floor. The restaurant will feature American fare of burgers, steaks, ribs, chops and seafood, as well as a nano brewery for our own home brews/meads. There will be a separate kitchen for the restaurant which will be best equipped of all our kitchens.

There will also be stairs that lead to a 2nd floor mezzanine within The Varsity to allow for additional seating and private parties. We hope to host live music of our many local musical talents.

The EZ will also host a collaborative that will feature the products of local artisans, antiques, handcrafted materials such as soaps, lotions, and of course foods. The farmers' market will also move to the area between the two buildings and have their own space so that we can continue to grow our current farmers' and provide even more local produce, eggs, etc.

In addition The EZ will also house the business incubator, The BEI Zone, which is operated by Little Kanawha Area Development Corp. The BEI Zone supports the start up, scale up and continued growth of local businesses. This support will be critical as we bring the facility into operation, as we hope to see many people forming their own small business or working with other to form cooperatives.

The New Construction

A new building will be added onto the gym. This building will house gym, another commercial kitchen, and a child care center named Appleseed. Appleseed will consist of 3 classrooms for 16 children, 1 infant nursery for 8 babies, a staff room, conference room and reception. The gym can be used for sports events, musical events, weddings, parties, reunions, etc.

The Historic Coal Fork One Room School

The old driver's education building will become the Elva T. Lamont Agricultural Center and Goat Stable. A variety of services can be provided and will be based on community interest. Gardening clubs, beekeepers, dairy producers, etc are all welcome as are children's ventures.

The Bus Garage

The old bus garage will house two separate operations. The Recovery Zone will be located on the left side of the building and will have access to the beautiful outside deck. The RZ is intended to provide a safe place for people in recovery to assemble and enjoy fellowship and other productive and supportive activities. The plan for the right side of the building will house an ourfitters/recreational cooperative specializing in river, trail and other outdoor activities.

The Pool

The Saundra Johnson Aquatic Facility will consist of a sizable pool with diving, a Baja shelf and a zero entry. A bath house and pump house support the operations. We also plan to have a small cafe called The Tiki Hut (timing yet to be confirmed). Surrounding the pool will be a black aluminum fencing and on the outside of the fence the walking track will be restored with black asphalt.

The 1982 Foundation will continue to host our events on the campus and we hope that many other groups will find the campus and facility useful for their needs. We will be welcoming in our surrounding counties so that these 7 counties can come together and continue to show that we are all @strongertogether.

So it is my pleasure to announce our new name – Avalon. And we look forward to the completion of the project and a magnificent grand opening!

I hope this helps to answer a lot of your questions about what will be in the facility. Please share with others. By mid year we will begin securing interested parties for the Entrepreneur Zone, day care, employees, K-12, etc. Stay tuned for details.

Recipe Corner

By Emma Howell

Slow Cooker Hobo Casserole

1 pound ground beef or ground sausage, precooked and drained
2 cups diced potatoes
1 diced onion
1 10.5 ounce can of cream of mushroom soup
2 cups chicken or beef broth
1 ½ cups uncooked macaroni noodles
½ cup sour cream
2 ½ cups shredded cheddar cheese
Salt and pepper to taste

Brown the meat: In a saucepan, brown the ground beef or sausage and drain off any excess fat. Prepare the Slow Cooker: Grease the inside of the slow cooker. Add the cooked meat, diced onion, cream of mushroom soup, and diced potatoes. Season with salt and pepper to taste. Stir mixture and set the slow cooker on high for 3 hours. After 3 hours, add the broth and uncooked macaroni noodles. Cover and continue cooking on high for an additional 30 minutes. Stir in 2 cups of shredded cheddar cheese and the sour cream. Cover and cook for another 20 minutes. Serve this delightful Slow Cooker Hobo Casserole hot and enjoy the comforting flavors and rustic charm it brings to your table. It's a recipe that's sure to bring smiles and satisfaction to both family and friends alike. So go ahead, give it a try and relish in the simple pleasures of a hearty, homemade meal!

Purple Velvet Cake

2 cups cake flour
6 tablespoons unsweetened cocoa powder
1 teaspoon baking powder
1 teaspoon baking soda
¼ teaspoon salt
8 tablespoon unsalted butter softened
1 ½ cups granulated sugar
2 eggs at room temperature
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
1 cup buttermilk
1 teaspoon white vinegar
Purple food coloring

Preheat oven to 350 F. Grease and line two 9-inch round cake pans. Sift together flour, cocoa powder, aking powder, baking soda and salt. In a separate bowl, cream the butter and sugar until light and fluffy. Beat in the eggs one at a time, followed by the vanilla. Mix the buttermilk with the vinegar and purple food coloring. Gradually add the dry ingredients to the wet ingredients, alternating with the buttermilk mixture. Divide the batter between the prepared pans and bake for 25-30 minutes. Let the cakes cook before removing from pans. Once cook ice with flavor of your choice.

If you have a recipe you would like to share with our readers, please mail it to The Calhoun Chronicle PO Box 400 Grantsville, WV 26147 or email it to contact@calhounchronicle.com

Rambling Prose

by Linda Crawford

Five thirty a.m. the day after Thanksgiving, FBN radio was playing Christmas hymns and songs between the sermons and programs. There is one more day of 2023 and still a Christmas song or two.

Music in Spanish markedly increased and twice now I have heard the station acknowledge a lady's letter of thank you from an elder woman in Arnoldsburg, West Virginia. That will be the mystery start 2024 with! Singing is good exercise but singing is also exhausting.

Do you remember "bump cars"? I spent some time in the wee hours bumping around on an I-pad. The instructions given escaped me when on my own. I had no idea how I got where I was nor how to get out. The goals were the prayer group and sermon for Hillcrest. One accidental bump was maps.

Trying to get out landed at some official government location. My panic button bumped along till I finally bumped out. Another was the Westminster Choir. It was pretty powerful – back in 1947 and a few later dates – part of some Cancer program in 1965. Long before all the technical equipment, singers had to have strong and powerful voices. Anyway help is on the way with additional instruction, maybe.

Should you update your WORD robe for 2024? "Circle Back" works well for me. The old expression "Lost and Found" was a public confession I was always losing stuff. Remember "Pig Latin"?

"Word Salad" sounds fresher and can't be figured out. Oh, personally "Cost of Living" is replacing

"Inflation". "Cost of Living" can't be misinterpreted or blamed on my perception. And on the horizon, AI or artificial intelligence. I was beginning to think all intelligence is artificial.

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Calhoun County Boys Basketball

JAN. 26	VS VAN	7:00 PM
JAN. 31	AT GILMER COUNTY	7:00 PM
FEB. 2	VS VALLEY WETZEL	7:00 PM
FEB. 5	AT CLAY COUNTY	7:00 PM
FEB. 7	AT SOUTH HARRISON	7:00 PM
FEB. 10	VS PADEN CITY	7:00 PM
FEB. 13	AT HANNAN	7:00 PM
FEB. 15	LKC PLACEMENT GAME	TBA
FEB. 17	LKC NIGHT OF CHAMPIONS	TBA
FEB. 19	VS CLAY COUNTY	7:00 PM
FEB. 20	VS HANNAN	7:00 PM

Calhoun Youth Basketball Schedule



Jan. 20th

K-1st Grade

K-1st grade will begin at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday games and 12:30 pm on Sunday game days. Please refer to the schedule below.

2nd and 3rd Grade

Date	Time	White Jersey	vs.	Red Jersey
1/27	10:30 am	Team Jarvis		Team Heiney
	11:20 am	Team Heiney		Team Sampson
	12:10 pm	Team Sampson		Team Jarvis

4th-6th Grade

Date	Time	White Jersey	vs.	Red Jersey
1/27	10:30 am	Team Helmick		Team Reip
	11:20 am	Team Church		Team Cunningham
	12:10 pm	Team Dow		Team Staples
	1:00 pm	Team Helmick		Team Church
	1:50 pm	Team Reip		Team Dow
	1:50 pm (MS)	Team Cunningham		Team Staples

Calhoun County Girls Basketball

13	01/25/24	7:00PM	H-	GILMER COUNTY
14	01/27/24	7:00PM	A-	UNION @ SOUTH HARRISON
15	01/30/24	7:00PM	H-	WIRT COUNTY
16	02/01/24	7:00PM	H-	SOUTH HARRISON <i>NO JV</i>
17	02/06/24	7:00PM	A-	WAHAMA SENIOR/MIDDLE SCHOOL
18	02/08/24	7:00PM	H-	LKC PLACEMENT
19	02/12/24	7:00PM	A-	PARKERSBURG CATHOLIC
20	02/14/24	7:00PM	A-	POINT PLEASANT SENIOR/MIDDLE SCHOOL
21	02/15/24	7:00PM	H-	WILLIAMSTOWN

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Gov. Justice announces approval of nearly \$2 million in recycling assistance grants

Thursday, January 18, 2024 -- CHARLESTON, WV — Gov. Jim Justice announced today the approval of grants worth \$1.99 million for 22 recipients through the West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection’s REAP Recycling Assistance Grants Program. Grants were awarded to state solid waste authorities, county commissions, municipalities, private industries, and nonprofit organizations. Funding for the Recycling Assistance Grant Program is generated through the \$1 assessment fee per ton of solid waste disposed at in-state landfills. The grants were awarded to the following:

Cabell County

Metal Center Recycling received \$73,687.00 to assist with a horizontal baler and shear to support the recycling operation.

Calhoun County

Calhoun County Solid Waste Authority received \$135,363.00 to assist with wages, a baler, trailer, skid steer and baling wire to support the county-wide recycling program.

Greenbrier County

Greenbrier County Solid Waste Authority received \$130,000.00 to assist with repairs to the County’s recycling facility.

Greenworks Recycling will receive \$66,415.00 to assist with tilt trailers and a truck to support the recycling operation.

Hampshire County

Hampshire County Commission received \$149,620.00 to assist with recycling containers, asphalt, concrete pads, a glass crusher with electrical installation, an entrance gate, and wages to support the county-wide recycling program.

Hancock County

Hancock County Solid Waste Authority received \$39,550.00 grant to assist with wages, transportation of materials, and a bulk mailer to support the county-wide recycling program.

Harrison County

Harrison County Recycling Center received \$75,000.00 grant to assist with the purchase of a horizontal baler to support the recycling operation.

Kanawha County

The City of St. Albans received \$66,700.00 to assist with a trailer and signage, open top containers, tarps, a tie down kit, and containers for the city-wide recycling program.

Kanawha County Solid Waste Authority received \$150,000.00 to assist with a concrete pad, 3-phase electrical, and convex covers to support the county recycling program.

Glass Smash Sand Cooperative Association received \$75,000.00 to assist with the purchase of a glass pulverizer system to support their new recycling initiative.

Mason County

Mason County Commission received \$105,300.00 grant to assist with a reinforced concrete pad to support the county-wide recycling program.

Mason County Solid Waste Authority received a \$56,062.99 grant to assist with wages, insurance, fuel, maintenance, utilities, air compressor, operational and office supplies, printing and promotional items, conference attendance, and contractor fees to support the county-wide recycling program.

Monongalia County

The City of Westover received \$75,000.00 to assist with a new truck to support the city-wide recycling program.

Monongalia County Solid Waste Authority received a \$38,237.45 to assist with a market research and opinion study, printing, advertising, mailing supplies and postage to support the County’s recycling efforts.

Ohio County

Ohio County Commission received \$75,000.00 to assist with a new truck to support the City of Wheeling’s recycling program.

Ohio County Solid Waste Authority received \$90,900.00 to assist with wages, a computer, trailer, storage shed, roll-offs, a recycling drop box, and a trailer step assembly to support the county-wide recycling program.

City of Wheeling received \$150,000.00 to assist with a new truck to support the city-wide recycling program.

Pleasants County

Pleasants County Solid Waste Authority received \$34,000.00 to assist with wages, vehicle repairs, fuel, office supplies and utilities to support the county-wide recycling program.

Preston County

Bionic Tire Recycling received \$51,625.00 to assist with wages, conference attendance, operational supplies, office supplies, shredding equipment, and a truck scale to support their new tire recycling initiative.

Roane County

Roane County Commission received \$71,850.00 to assist with a concrete pad and baler to support the county-wide recycling program.

Roane County Solid Waste Authority received \$140,246.00 to assist with wages, vehicle and equipment maintenance, utilities, operating supplies, fuel, facility improvements, collection trailers, glass and fluorescent bulb recycling fees, advertising, can baler, vertical baler, electric pallet jack and a collection bin to support the county-wide recycling program.

Summers County

Summers County Solid Waste Authority received \$149,785.00 to assist with a truck, dump trailers, electric pallet jack, bulk crates, wages, computer, printer, conference attendance, vehicle insurance, fuel, internet, utilities, and office supplies to support the county-wide recycling program.

Local School Events

Calhoun Youth Livestock Program Events

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- 1st Workshop- Thursday, January 23, 5:30 pm- Rules and Livestock Quality Assurance Activity
 - 2nd Workshop- Saturday, February 17, 9:30 am- Livestock Project Selection and Feeding and Caring for your Project - **CONTRACTS DUE**
 - 3rd Workshop & Market Steer Tag-in- Tuesday, March 19, Tag -in 5:30 pm, Workshop 6:30 pm - We Got the MEATS! and Recruiting and Talking with Buyers
 - 4th Workshop & Tag In (Feeder Calves, Market Sheep, Goats, Hogs)- Saturday, June 1st, 9:00 am - 11:00 am, Workshop will start after Tag-in - Raising Market Ready Livestock
 - 5th Workshop- Saturday, July 20th- 8:30 am- Skill Building Workshop- Showmanship and Groom Rotation Workshop
 - 6th- Workshop- January - September -ON YOUR OWN ACTIVITY- Attend a show and participate or observe, participate in an animal science related contest, webinar, workshop and field day. Reach out to Daisy if you have any questions.
 (Youth 16 and above can attend up to two on your own activities for credit towards the 4 workshops)
 - 7th Workshop & Small Livestock Tag-in (Rabbits & Chickens)- Tuesday, August 20, 5:30 pm -Livestock Skillathon Contest Practice
- Additional Important Dates**
- February 1st - State Fair Market Steer and Heifer Tag Order Due
 - April 15th - State Fair Market Sheep, Goats and Hog Tag Order Due
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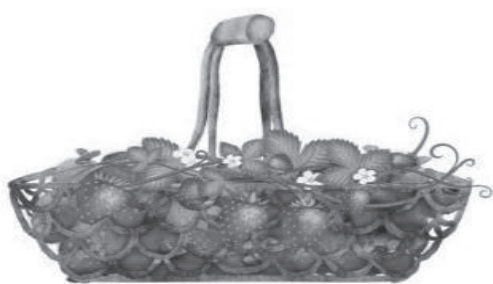
The Grantsville Pickleball Club is growing!
 We play on Tuesday and Thursday nights at 7:00, weather permitting and are averaging 12-15 players.
 The best part is there are people there of all ages, abilities, and athleticism. There are even some who come to just watch and socialize. Equipment is provided for newcomers to give the sport a try. Come on out and watch everyone play if you are not sure what the game is all about. A fun time will be had by all who come out to play. Everyone is welcome! Come join us Tuesdays and Thursdays at 7:00 p.m. for some fun, fellowship, and physical fitness. We have found our Winter Season Home in the NYA Building.

EVENTS PAGE

Upper West Fork Park Events

Upper West Fork Park meetings are held the second Tues. of each month at 6 p.m. Scheduled events are as follows (Saturday sings are 7 to 10 p.m., doors open at 4:30 p.m., kitchen opens at 5 p.m.):
Jan. 27: Dixie Highway

The Calhoun Middle High School Performing Arts Department Upcoming Events



Month of January Orders for fresh Strawberries will be taken.



February 10, 2024
Enjoy dinner and a theater performance of "One Stoplight Town"

New Testament Baptist Church

The BIBLE WAY TO HEAVEN

"Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.: John 14:6

WE ARE ALL SINNERS.

"For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God.: Romans 3:23

WE WERE SENT A SAVIOR

For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord." Romans 6:23

WE CAN SIMPLY CONFESS & CALL

"That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved." Romans 10:9, 13

The Bible says... Whosoever. It's that simple. That includes you.

THE REASON HE CAME...

HE CAME FOR ONE REASON....YOU.

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." John 3:16

If you have trusted Christ as your Saviour, or would like more information, please contact us:

New Testament Baptist Church
15187 WV Highway 47 W
Smithville, WV 26178

Pastor Jim Lough - Assistant Pastor Nick Randolph

ntbcvoj@gmail.com

Voice of Joy - WVG 89.7 - wvgvradio.com - WVGL 91.1

West Central Beekeeper's Association

The West Central Beekeeper's Association will meet at the old Arnoldsburg Elementary School, Spring Run Road Arnoldsburg, WV (Calhoun County), the fourth Saturday of each month at 1:00 p.m.

Tire Collection

Tire collection will be held the third Friday of each month, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., at Cabot Recycling Station, west of Grantsville on Rt. 5. Tires accepted free of charge. Tires on wheels will not be accepted. Only car, ATV, and light truck tires, 16-inches or less, accepted, with a limit of 10 tires per person, open to residents of Calhoun only. Bring valid W.Va. ID. Sponsored by W. Va. DEP and Calhoun Solid Waste Authority.

First Baptist Calhoun County Food Pantry

The First Baptist Calhoun Food Pantry located on Rte 5 outside of Grantsville is a non-profit food pantry that is open on Tuesday and Thursday's from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.



The Family Crisis Intervention Center
Domestic Abuse Response Team
(304) 354-9254
HOTLINE 1-800-794-2335
P.O. Box 585, Grantsville, WV 26147

Spay/Neuter

Welfare of Animals Group (WAG) can assist low-income Calhoun County homes with 50% of their cat or dog's spay/neuter fee. It is cheaper to spay a pet than to pay the costs of caring for one litter of puppies or kittens. For information or to make an appointment, call 354-7042. Donations of dry cat food are appreciated, and can be dropped off at Calhoun County Library, Grantsville. The program is funded in part by The Bernard McDonough Foundation, The Oakland Foundation, W.Va. Dept. of Agriculture, and Calhoun County Commission.

Children's Crisis

The Children's Crisis and Referral Line can interrupt behavioral health crises by connecting families with behavioral health services in their communities. The option to call, text, or chat is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week, at 844-HELP4WV (1-844-435-7498, call or text) or by chat at www.help4wv.com/ccl.

The helpline links families with regional mobile crisis response and stabilization teams that can help deescalate by phone or respond in person.

Emotion Helpline

Are you or your loved ones feeling anxious, overwhelmed or emotionally exhausted? First Choice Services has a 24/7 emotional strength help-line called HELP304 to help navigate these uncertain and unprecedented times. Available via phone, text, or online chat, professional crisis counselors are trained to listen and help you find the way forward with stress-management strategies, as well as community resources and referrals. Talk to someone who cares and can help. Call the helpline at 1-877-HELP304 (877-435-7304) or online chat at www.help304.com.

Broomstick Cemetery Needs Donations

Broomstick Cemetery located in Calhoun County is really in need of donations to keep the cemetery mowed and looking nice for 2023. If you have loved ones buried in the cemetery, Please make a donation! You can send donations to Linda Blankenship, P.O. Box 13 Grantsville, WV 26147. You can make checks payable to the Broomstick Cemetery Fund. Thank you in advance!

Freed Cemetery Needs Donations

Donations are needed for the upkeep of the Freed Cemetery, located in Calhoun County off of the Leading Creek Road. Please send donations to Rickie Murphy, P.O. Box 55 Macfarlan, WV 26148. Make checks payable to Freed Cemetery. Thank you!

Liberty Hill Cemetery News

We need your donations to keep it looking neat. If you have loved ones buried in the cemetery, please donate. Donations can be mailed to Liberty Hill Cemetery, 3121 Lemuels Run Road, Mount Zion, WV 26151. Calhoun County Bank has been gracious to accept money in their drop box or donated at the banks. Thanks for your help.

Nobe Cemetery Needs Donations

If you have family buried in the cemetery, please make a donation. You can send donations to Barb Roberts, 359 Nobe Road, Big Bend, WV 26136 or for more information on how you can help the Nobe Cemetery call 304-354-7329. Thank you in advance.

Pleasant Hill Cemetery Needs Donations

In order to maintain upkeep of the Pleasant Hill Cemetery we are accepting donations at: Pleasant Hill Cemetery, PO Box 651, Grantsville, WV 26147. If you have questions or concerns please contact Cheryl Greathouse at 304-354-9513 or you may send an e-mail to cherylgreat@citlink.net. Please make checks payable to Pleasant Hill Cemetery Fund. Checks written payable to Pleasant Hill U.M. Church should state Pleasant Hill Cemetery Fund in the memo. Your donations are greatly appreciated.



12 Step Recovery Meeting

Saturday at 5pm

Everyone Welcome

Hosted at the Calhoun FRN building - enter in rear of building. 304-354-7177

For more information on the 12 Step Recovery Meetings and resources please contact the Calhoun FRN at 304-354-7177

WIC Program

The Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) Nutrition Program is a supplemental food program for pregnant, post-partum, or breastfeeding women, infants, and children up to the age of five. WIC provides food, breastfeeding support and nutrition education to families in Calhoun County. To apply for the WIC Program or to receive more information call our local office at 304-354-6898 or our main office in Parkersburg at 304-428-3688. The Calhoun County WIC Clinic is located at 300 Mill Street, Grantsville every Wednesday from 8:00AM-4:00PM. The Calhoun County WIC Office will be closed every Friday.

Tobacco Quitline

Anyone interested in quitting can call the West Virginia Tobacco Quit-line, 1-877-966-8784 or 1-800-QUITNOW. The call is for West Virginia residents over the age of 18. The Quitline offers four proactive coaching calls and unlimited reactive calls. Participants are eligible for eight weeks of free nicotine replacement therapy: patches, gum or lozenges. Contact Jamie Jacobsen, 304-485-7374, ext. 152, or www.cdc.gov/tobacco/campaign/tips/.

Prevent Suicide

W.Va. Dept. of Health and Human Resources reports that the National Suicide Prevention Life-line, 1-800-273-TALK, is partnering with First Choice Services, a non-profit organization based in Charleston, to answer calls from West Virginians and offer assistance during their time of need. Calls to 1-800-273-TALK will be answered 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

All call line staff have received training in applied suicide intervention skills, the gold standard in screening and assisting suicidal callers. Please reach out if need someone to talk to, you are important!

24 hrs. a day
7 days a week
Crisis Hotline
1-800-579-5844
Brought to you by Westbrook Health Services

Lions Club Bingo

Lions Club bingo will be held in the Lions Club Building, 103 Stump St., Grantsville, first and third Saturdays of each month at 6 p.m.

Food Pantry

CRI operates a food pantry, Mon.-Fri., 7 a.m.-4 p.m., with free USDA commodities to those who qualify (food pantry only) on Court St.

Library Hours

Calhoun County Library hours are: Mon., Wed. and Fri., 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., and Tue. and Thur., 10 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

If you feel sick, please stay home.

We have lots of new books and activities happening.

Civil Air Patrol

Calhoun Civil Air Patrol Squadron holds weekly meetings on Tuesday at 6:00 p.m. located at 413 High Street Grantsville, WV. We are always looking for new members, so stop on by and check us out.

Check Conditions

Travelers can check the forecast, traffic, and road conditions all along their route by visiting wv511.org before heading out. Safe Travels while traveling through W.Va.

West Virginia Poison Center,
1-800-222-1222
Call with your questions.

Calhoun County High School Alumni Association

Contact Information

Calhoun County High School Alumni Association is in need of updated contact information to keep all alumni up-to-date on current events. Return the following information to CCHS Alumni Association, P.O. Box 11, Grantsville, WV 26147, or email to nikkiboatright@gmail.com.

First Name _____ Last Name _____

Maiden Name _____

Cell Phone _____ Home Phone _____

Email _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip Code _____

Class Year _____

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Big Otter, WV

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Hours

Mon.-Wed.: 10 a.m. -9 p.m.
Thurs.-Sat.: 10 a.m. to Close



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988 SUICIDE & CRISIS LIFELINE

Creston News

by Alvin Engelke
Phone 275-3578



Local church services were again cancelled after the area received a second snow, this time several inches of the white stuff along with temperatures in the single digits or, in other words, winter weather. Al Gore Jr.' hot air had kept the winter mild but, apparently, he & John Heintz Kerry both ran out of breath. Both Arctic ice and Antarctic ice have set new records and temperature measurements [not in urban areas] show that there is no increase in temperature.

Gore & Heintz Kerry were among those off to Switzerland for the annual WEF (World Economic Forum) gala with the best of food and the highest priced "professional ladies". They talked about Disease X, the new lab leak from Chairman Xi that is said to be 100% fatal in humanized mice. There were so many private jets there that they had to be sent off to another airport for parking. The ruling elites have some new terms now to compare with homicide and genocide (which apparently is now OK in some instances such as in China & Israel). The new term is ecocide which is used to describe agriculture and commercial fisheries. The ruling elites have decided that the peasants can eat bugs, "have nothing and be happy".

Some folks had water lines that experienced phase changes and another family had a roof that, after being covered with snow, decided to spring a significant leak.

Local folks were to go down to the Mouth of the Elk for a state meeting but it was postponed until this coming weekend.

The state road folks continue to cut tree tops going up the Creston hill as such is a top priority. Perhaps all the money was spent there as, after the first snow there were no cinders on the Blankenship hill at the head of Ann's Run. Obviously, the folks that handle the big \$\$ never intend to drive the Ann's Road any time, let alone when snow covered in winter.

Jimmy Henthorn, age 86, died December 26 up in Ohio. He was the son of John & Mary Baker Henthorn and the grandson of Ira & Ella Baker who for many years lived at the mouth of Pete's Run. Jimmy had worked in law enforcement and was the former mayor of New Lexington, Ohio. His son-in-law, Kyle Hutson, an active duty marine, has been part of the Creston Veteran's Day event for some time.

Debbie Griffin is recovering at home after gall bladder surgery.

A local woman, some years back, went away to seek her fortune. Then she decided to come back to Creston to retire. She asked the wild Frontier Telephone Company for telephone service but was told, "We don't hook up new land lines anymore!" But, she said, "Cell phones don't work in Creston." "Well, those are the rules, we can't do that!" The woman then called the Public Service Commission and a very nice lady there intervened and now the 275 exchange has another land line customer.

More data has become available about the messenger rna vaccines that were forced on people with almost no testing. It seems that some vaccines were, perhaps 1% effective and now it was learned that the government had a myocarditis warning memo that was never sent. Some want folks prosecuted for talking about the excess deaths, especially among the young that took the vaccine. Now we learn that the USDA has approved RNA & DNA vaccines for hogs. Obviously one needs to be sure that such meat is well cooked or one might have an overwhelming urge to start rooting through the dirt & a passionate desire to cavort with the likes of Moonbeams McSwine.

The head of CISA (Cybersecurity & Infrastructure Security Agency) said that the federal agency's primary goal is protecting "cerebral infrastructure", that is controlling what the peasants think or are allowed to think.

A recent study revealed that there are more fossil fuels on Saturn's moon Titan than are found on the earth. Some wonder where were the fossils that made all those hydrocarbons. One local fellow doesn't remember a discussion about such when he took organic chemistry class.

Folks are reminded that there in only one week left to file for elected office.

It was learned that the ruling junta has been keeping track of the population to spot those who might be considered "domestic terrorists". Transactions that involved the words MAGA, Trump, purchases of Bibles and visits to Cabelas were all considered worthy of investigation by the ruling elite. Some may remember the jokes about "you might be a redneck if" Now the government considers you an enemy of the state if . . .

Rick Tucker was attending to business in Elizabeth and then, over the weekend, Marilyn was taken by ambulance to the hospital.

Ford was reported to have cut back on the production of EV F-150 trucks because of a lack of sales. It was reported that EV owners found that in very cold weather their chariots would not charge. So much for the reliable transportation claim.

Natural gas prices remain low but when the cold snap hit the price at the Eastern Gas South hub jumped from \$2.45 to \$10.40. Of course this jump would have no impact on prices paid small producers and royalty owners.

It was reported that Ohio & Pennsylvania now have 39 gas fired power plants while West Virginia has zero. Anyone awake down at the Mouth of the Elk?

A federal judge said he was going to resolve the Jim Justice helicopter that the Russian coal company wants to take on sums owed for coal royalties that were not paid. It is also understood that it is only a matter of time before Carter Bank has to act to collect what is owed them. Credit Suisse, now defunct, apparently has given up on the \$800 million owed by the governor who, apparently, has a deal with Joe to look after in the DC offices, the interests of our rulers. If Big Jim gets to be senator there can be a seamless transition of power as Larry Puccio works for both men.

The price of local Pennsylvania grade crude is \$72.41/bbl. with condensate, formerly called Appalachian light sweet, brings \$54.41/bbl. while Marcellus & Utica light was \$63.41 and medium \$72.41/bbl.



Rare Old Bird

By Deirdre Purdy

HOUSE OVERSIGHT and SIDESHOW COMMITTEE

Free Hunter!

When my MAGA critics object to my writing, no matter what the subject, a constant response is "HUNTER BIDEN!"

Hunter Biden is, of course, the President's only living son. When he was almost 3, he lost his mother and sister when a tractor trailer broadsided their vehicle. Hunter and his older brother Beau were critically injured but survived. Hunter suffered a fractured skull and severe traumatic brain injury.

As an adult, Hunter Biden graduated from Yale Law in 1996. His older brother Beau, who was the Delaware Attorney General, died of a glioblastoma brain tumor in 2015. Shortly after that, Hunter broke down. He has admitted both drug and alcohol abuse, failure to pay his taxes, and indiscriminate sexual encounters during that time. Hunter underwent drug and alcohol rehab. The \$1.4 million in back taxes has been repaid.

But who is HUNTER BIDEN!, whose name is wielded by MAGAs like the Sword of Damocles? He is the hobby horse the House Oversight Committee is riding hard, hoping desperately to find some corrupt connection between Hunter and Joe. If only they could use Hunter to impeach Joe.

The Oversight/Sideshow Committee has spun a tale in which, from 2014 to 2019, when Hunter Biden was on the board at Burisma, a Ukrainian energy company, he used Joe, who was VP through 2016 to fire a prosecutor who was investigating Burisma.

Two Republican-led Senate committees investigated this story. Their report found no smoking guns. Committee chair, Sen. Ron Johnson called it a "misperception on the part of the public" to think there would be any. Why ever would we think that?

The MAGA tale continues, though, that money Hunter Biden earned in Ukraine and in China was funneled to Joe Biden as a payoff for something or other.

The MAGA Sideshow committee has examined more than 120,000 emails from Hunter's laptop and hundreds of thousands of pages of financial documents. (Her email! His laptop!) The intrepid investigators found one email from someone to Hunter saying "10 held by H for the big guy?" If only they could prove that the "big guy" was Joe. They haven't, but they sold a lot of T-shirts with the phrase. Somewhere there's a tall fat man looking for his money.

A Delaware grand jury investigated Hunter and found no evidence that Joe was the "Big Guy" or that there were any payments made to Joe. Oh, except the repayment of a car loan. (Not making this up.)

Last Wednesday, Hunter appeared with his lawyers at the committee as it prepared to find him in contempt for refusing to comply with a subpoena for closed-door testimony. Hunter was ready to testify in public.

The Gentle Lady from South Carolina, Rep. Nancy Mace, screamed at him, "You have no **** to come up here." This appears inaccurate as it would seem he did appear. Mace also shrieked "white privilege." Perhaps these are just words gentle ladies yell out when provoked or disturbed.

The Gentle Lady from Georgia, Rep. Marjorie Taylor Greene then provided some actual evidence that Hunter Biden did have *****. Greene showed poster-size pictures of Biden's private parts and insisted they be entered into the record, claiming it was evidence of sex trafficking.

Last year Gentle Lady Greene entered nude photos of Hunter Biden into the committee record. The ladies' prurient salaciousness heightens the sideshow atmosphere. Hurry in, ladies and gents, to see pictures of our naked target.

What could the committee discover in closed-door hearings more personal and private than the materials Greene has already provided?

The Sideshow Committee shares the themes and memes of the show in the Big Tent, the Trump campaign. Projection. Lies. Revenge. Trump's projection creates the "I'm Rubber and You're Glue" discourse, We say Trump is corrupt. Trump says Joe Biden is corrupt.

We say, "Trump Crime Family." Trump says, "Biden Crime Family."

Trump was impeached twice for high crimes and misdemeanors? Impeach Biden! So what if a court found the Trumps ran a fraudulent charity, collecting money for sick kids and using it for legal fees and 6-foot-tall picture of Donald? So what if the Trump Organization with its officers, Donald, Eric, and Don, Jr., were found guilty of fraudulently inflating the values of their business interests?

Trump: Everyone does it. That's the way real estate works. If Joe Biden isn't corrupt and a fraud, then he's a sucker and a loser.

The Sideshow investigation will never stop because the point is not truth. The point is simply to keep throwing out new stories - like fish to seals - that look like evidence of something to anyone who already believes Biden must be guilty.

Trump to Sideshow: "If you say it enough and keep saying it, they'll start to believe you." "As long as you keep repeating something, it doesn't matter what you say."

Trump will get his revenge on Joe Biden for beating him in 2020. Joe Biden loves his son despite Hunter being, according to Trump, "a loser." A malignant narcissist doesn't understand love, but instinctively knows how best to hurt someone. Targeting Hunter is sweet revenge. And maybe if they go hard enough on Hunter, he will relapse.

Who is "HUNTER BIDEN!?" Just another scary Trump invention, an enemy manufactured from his dark subconscious, a weapon with which to bully Joe and captivate the circus crowd. If you would choose instead a leader who fights for constructive cooperation and progress, not revenge and retribution, vote for Joe Biden. Free Hunter!

West Virginia Weekly Gas Price Update

Average gasoline prices in West Virginia have risen 5.2 cents per gallon in the last week, averaging \$2.92/g today, according to GasBuddy's survey of 1,154 stations in West Virginia.

Prices in West Virginia are 4.2 cents per gallon lower than a month ago and stand 51.3 cents per gallon lower than a year ago.

The national average price of diesel has fallen 2.1 cents in the last week and stands at \$3.87 per gallon.

According to GasBuddy price reports, the cheapest station in West Virginia was priced at \$2.53/g yesterday while the most expensive was \$3.19/g, a difference

of 66.0 cents per gallon. The lowest price in the state yesterday was \$2.53/g while the highest was \$3.19/g, a difference of 66.0 cents per gallon.

The national average price of gasoline has fallen 0.8 cents per gallon in the last week, averaging \$3.03/g today.

The national average is down 7.8 cents per gallon from a month ago and stands 36.0 cents per gallon lower than a year ago, according to GasBuddy data compiled from more than 11 million weekly price reports covering over 150,000 gas stations across the country.

Historical gasoline prices in West Virginia and the national average

going back ten years:

January 22, 2023: \$3.43/g (U.S. Average: \$3.39/g)

January 22, 2022: \$3.16/g (U.S. Average: \$3.33/g)

January 22, 2021: \$2.35/g (U.S. Average: \$2.39/g)

January 22, 2020: \$2.52/g (U.S. Average: \$2.53/g)

January 22, 2019: \$2.28/g (U.S. Average: \$2.27/g)

January 22, 2018: \$2.57/g (U.S. Average: \$2.54/g)

January 22, 2017: \$2.34/g (U.S. Average: \$2.30/g)

January 22, 2016: \$1.85/g (U.S. Average: \$1.84/g)

January 22, 2015:

\$2.15/g (U.S. Average: \$2.03/g)

January 22, 2014: \$3.34/g (U.S. Average: \$3.27/g)

Neighboring areas and their current gas prices:

Pittsburgh- \$3.44/g, up 5.5 cents per gallon from last week's \$3.39/g.

Charleston- \$2.92/g, up 2.8 cents per gallon from last week's \$2.89/g.

Virginia- \$2.95/g, up 4.1 cents per gallon from last week's \$2.91/g.

"We continue to see gasoline prices bouncing off lows, only to re-test them again and again. While prices jumped in some places, it's being offset by drops

elsewhere, and that has kept alive the possibility of briefly seeing the national average fall to the lowest level since 2021," said Patrick De Haan, head of petroleum analysis at GasBuddy.

"We remain just a nickel or so away from a \$2.99 national average, and while the window of opportunity continues to slowly close, with refiners now starting the purge of winter gasoline on the West Coast, we still have a low level chance of getting there.

But make no mistake - if we do see a national average of \$2.99 per gallon, it won't last long as we start to turn the corner and get closer to the start of the transition

to summer gasoline."

GasBuddy is the authoritative voice for gas prices and the only source for station-level data.

GasBuddy's survey updates 288 times every day from the most diverse list of sources covering nearly 150,000 stations nationwide, the most comprehensive and up-to-date in the country.

GasBuddy data is accessible at <http://prices.GasBuddy.com>.

Contact: Patrick De Haan, head of petroleum analysis at pdehaan@gasbuddy.com or call 773-644-1427.

Animal Tails: Adoptable Animals in Calhoun County

By Melissa West

Are you currently looking for a four legged addition to your family? The Calhoun Chronicle will feature rescued animals from the county. This animals are looking for a loving, forever home in Calhoun (local adoptions are preferred). If you see an animal you are interested in meeting and potentially adopting or to become a rescue home please contact me at 681-533-7345 and I will connect you with the community members who are currently housing them. If you would like to give donations of pet food and supplies, it is always needed.

Black dogs are the most overlooked dogs in shelters and are frequently euthanized. Please help our local dogs find a forever home!!!!!!

On the right you will meet Max. Max was found as a stray. He is approx 10 lbs. He is looking for his forever family.

ADOPT ME
Max the Magnificent





Hope for Hope

Hope has been a stray most of her life. She's approx 2.5 years old. Approx 40 lbs. Great with other dogs. Sweet, timid demeanor. Needs adoption ASAP. She is an Australian Kelpie mix after "This is Hope" and before "She is approximately 2.5 years of age."

Adopt Missy
URGENT




Missy has lived her entire life on a chain in the mud, rain, heat, cold and snow. She needs our help. She's a Norwegian Elkhound mix. Approx one and a half, 25 lbs. , spayed. Very gentle and loving. Please consider adding Missy to your family. This is an urgent situation.

Sister



Who dumps starving puppies in a ditch? A lot of people.

These two siblings were found in a ditch as puppies. (Sister above, Brother below)

They are now approx 1.5 years old. Spayed and neutered.

They live outside and receive very little to no attention.


They're lonely and need loving homes.

Unsure of mix. Very loving.

Brother



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